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Madrid, November 30. *N. S.*

AN Expreſs arrived here yeſterday from *Antibes*, with Advice of the King of *Spain*'s being come thither from *Genoua*, in his way to this Place; whereupon his Servants and Coaches were immediately ſent away to *Catalonia*, to meet him on thoſe Frontiers. Orders are ſent to *Andaluſia* to fortify ſeveral Places on that Coaſt; And Directions are alſo given, that Proviſion be made for the Security of our Frontiers on the ſide of *Portugal*, the Warlike Preparations which that King is making, giving great Jealouſie to this Court.

Venice, December 1. The Senate has made choice of Signior *Andrea Cornaro* to have the chief Command of their Fleet, and of Signior *Bartolo Erizzo* to be Proveditore Extraordinary of their Territories beyond the *Mincio*. Signior *Juſtiniano*, who is appointed to be Bayle or Ambaſſador in Ordinary from this Republick to the *Ottoman* Porte, is on his Departure thither. The Imperial and the *French* Armies in *Lombardy* are making Lines, and fortifying ſeveral Places, in order to ſecure their Winter Quarters from the Attempts of each other. Prince *Eugene* has taken his Quarters at *Carbonara*, and has poſted conſiderable Bodies of his Troops at *Mirondola* and *Finale de Modena*. The *French* have ſent 3400 Horſe and 1500 Foot to quarter in the *Parmeſan*, and obliged the Inhabitants of that Country to furniſh them with many Neceſſaries, which Impoſition is much complained of, but the *French* being the ſtrongeſt, the others are forced to ſubmit. Letters from *Milan* ſay, that the Prince of *Vaudemont* was returned thither from *Genoua*, where he had taken Leave of the King of *Spain*, who has continued him for three years longer in the Government of the Dutchy of *Milan*, and conſiderably augmented his Penſion. That Prince has ſent the Marquis *de Ruota* to the *Cremoneſe*, with Orders to the Inhabitants of that Dutchy, to furniſh a certain quantity of Corn, for the uſe of the *French* Forces, beſides the heavy Taxes which they are obliged to pay towards carrying on the War, which occaſions a great deal of murmuring.

Francfort, December 13. New Levies are making here to recruit the Forces which this City is obliged to furniſh towards making up the Quota of the Circle of the *Upper Rhine*. The News which we lately received, That the *French* have ſeized the Town of *Nancy*, notwithſtanding the Promiſes which that King had made to the Duke of *Lorrain*, that he ſhould be permitted to obſerve an exact Neutrality, and ſhould receive no Diſturbance from his Troops, would have been very ſurpriſing, if there were not ſo many Inſtances that the *French* Court makes very little ſcruple of breaking their Treaties and other Engagements with that Houſe. The Count *de Tallard*, who was employed in this Expedition, has left moſt of his Forces in and about *Nancy*, to which Place, it is ſaid, the *French* intend to add new Fortifications, and to make it their chief Magazine of Warlike Stores, for the uſe of their Forces on this ſide: The Count *de Tallard* afterwards returned to *Metz* with the reſt of his Troops, from whence he is ſince gone to the *French* Court, to receive further Directions. They write from *Spire*, that 4 Imperial Regiments of Horſe, and two of Dragoons, are marched to the Palatinate, and will be poſted towards the Rivers *Saar* and *Moſelle*; and that two Regiments of Imperial Cuiraſſiers are marching towards the *Neckar*. Several Regiments of the Elector Palatine and the Landgrave of *Heſſe Caſſel*'s Forces are quartered in the *Hontſrug*, where they have been joined by ſome Regiments of Imperial Horſe.

Cologne, Dec. 15. *N. S.* The Emeror's laſt Mandate againſt the Elector of *Cologne* has been publiſhed here, containing in ſubſtance, That his Imperial Majeſty had hoped that the Elector would have hearkened to his Admonitions, and would, in obedience to his Imperial Mandates and Avocatoria, have departed from his unlawful Engagements with the Enemies of his Country; But the ſaid Elector, (inſtead of returning to his Duty, and following the Example of the other Electors and Princes of the Empire, in complying with the Reſolutions lately taken by the Imperial Diet at *Ratisbonne*,) having given freſh Inſtances of his evil Intentions, not only by declaring, That he would expoſe his Life and Goods rather then depart from his new Alliances, but alſo by delivering up to the Enemy the Towns and Countries which God, the Emperor, and the Empire had entruſted into his hands;